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Mr. Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Proceeding No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

As the State Representative of the 148th District, as well as a former employee of a communications provider, it is essential that rural communities have broadband networks that can bring value to residential customers while enhancing economic growth. Charter Communications provides to communities in my district, such as Sikeston and Scott City, an all-digital platform of video, voice and Internet services. Charter's Internet service is fast and reliable, with their slowest speed tier in my district at 60 Mbps. This greatly benefits a number of businesses in my district.

Charter also provides many jobs in Missouri. They employ nearly 4,000 people directly and contract with other firms to help provide their services. They also work with RecruitMilitary in an effort to hire military veterans. It is my understanding that Charter will bring Time Warner out-sourced customer service jobs back home; which is desperately needed for our current economy. To help support their customer service initiatives in my area, they have both a technical operations office and a Charter store. These local representatives help customers with their services, equipment and inquiries.

Charter also works with local and state elected officials, producing and cablecasting important health, welfare and safety public service announcements. These PSAs are carried on various cable networks. They also work with their state cable association to show the Annual Missouri Legislative Outlook program, which informs my constituents of the legislative activities of the General Assembly.

Given Charter's commitment to U.S. jobs and high-speed data services, while protecting an open Internet, I urge the Commission to move forward with an approval of the new Charter merger.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Holly Rehder".

Holly Rehder
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